MEMORANDUM

April 11, 1968

TO: LOUIS IVON, Chief Investigator

FROM: GARY SANDERS, Investigator

RE: MRS. JEANNE KELTON

KELTON'S ANTIQUES
635 St. Ann Street
523-2424

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD and CLAY SHAW

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During the summer of 1963, MRS. KELTON worked as a saleswoman at Krauss Department Store, 1201 Canal Street. In July or August, MRS. KELTON says she sold a light fixture (ceiling hanging type) to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. OSWALD was accompanied by his wife and they also had a little girl with them. MRS. KELTON said she remembered the couple because OSWALD was quite rude and abrupt and his wife seemed "like a very sweet woman". MRS. KELTON said OSWALD repeated the things she said to his wife in a foreign language "not French or Spanish, but kind of Slovic or Germanic". MRS. KELTON said the woman was obviously pregnant and the little girl called the pregnant woman "Mother".

MRS. KELTON said the reason OSWALD became so irritated was because the light fixture he had purchased had to be brought from a storeroom and required some time. Finally, OSWALD got tired of waiting and asked to have the fixture delivered according to MRS. KELTON, "to an address on Magazine Street". MRS. KELTON said OSWALD was wearing dark pants and a white sport shirt. She can't remember what the woman wore.

MRS. KELTON was working at Kraus on the day President Kennedy was shot, and when she saw a picture of OSWALD on television, she immediately recognized him as the man she had waited on a few months before.

I showed MRS. KELTON several piccures of KERRY THORNLEY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and MARINA OSWALD. MRS. KELTON identified LEE and MARINA OSWALD as the couple she had waited on at Krauss' during the summr of 1963.

Unitl November 1966 (and 3 years previous), MRS. KELTON lived on the third floor at 905 Gov. Nichols Street. The apartment house is managed by MRS. ANTOINETTE HORNUFF (Ja-5-2428), and the bookkeeping and records are handled by Caruso-Goll Real Estate, 940 Royal Street (523-5186). CHECK HERE FOR RESIDENTS THEY HANDLE THE APARTMENTS

MRS. KELTON says she used to see CLAY SHAW on numerous occasions on the street, at Publia's Food Store on Rampart Street, and going in and out of Cosimo's B r. MRS. KELTON said

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AND LIVING ON THE LAKE FRONT

she used to do her laundry at a lauderette close to the Ryder Coffee House, and observed many of the people going in and out; that many of the people who frequented the Ryder Coffee House also frequented Cosimo's Bar.

During the period of time that MRS. KELTON lived at 905 Gov. Nichols, a young man occupied an apartment in the same quarters of the same address. MRS. KELTON knew the man, but does not remember his name or anything about him except that she thinks he may have worked in the window display department of one of the Canal Street stores. MRS. KELTON said that the man she had seen and now knows is CLAY SHAW, visited this young man on numerous occasions. MRS. KELTON said she enc ountered SHAW going in and out of the entrance which led to the slave quarters at 905 Gov. Nichols. MRS. KELTON spoke with SHAW on many occasions, usually just passing the time of day with him. Once the young man told MRS. KELTON that "my patron (SHAW?) is sending me to Puerto Rico". MRS. KELTON said she knew the young man was gay, and she assumed that SHAW was gay also. A man by the name of JOHN CARTER still lives at 905 Gov. Nichols and according to MRS. KELTON, knew SHAW'S boy friend. The 1967 City Directory lists JOHN CARTER, painter, 905 Gov. Nichols, no telephone.

NOTE: I contacted the Caruos-Gall Real Estate Agency concerning the names of the people who lived at 905 Gov. Nichols. A Mr. Caruso said that we would have to subpoena his records in order to see them. I have not talked to CARTER yet.

I contacted MR. BRONSTON at Krauss Department Store (523-3311) and he said the records of any sales made are destroyed every three years.

MRS. KELTON said that DEAN ANDREWS has rented an apartment across the street from her antique shop at 626 St. Ann Street.

BACKGROUND ON MRS. KELTON:

Before he died, MRS. KELTON's husband had been a secretary to Texas politician, MAURY MAVERICK of San Antonio. The KELTONS had lived in San Antonio and MRS. KELTON said she is very well versed in "Johnsonian politics" having known Johnson for years. MRS. KELTON also was in the official greeting party that met John F. Kennedy during his 1960 campaign trip to San Antonio. Mrs. KELTON helped organize the Kennedy speech which was held at the Alamo.

It is an interesting point to note that MRS. KELTON has met so many of the people associated with Kennedy's assassination; JOHN F. KENNEDY, LYNDON JOHNSON, LEE HARVEY OSWALD and CLAY SHAW.

When MRS. KELTON's husband died she decided to retire in New Orleans since it was her favorite city. MRS. KELTON is very cooperative and seems to be very sure of her information.

GARY SANDERS